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In re Patent Application of

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**AMENDMENT/SUBMISSION**

Sir:

The present Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 is responsive to the final Office Action mailed on January 5, 2007, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

|  | NO. CLAIMS<br>AFTER<br>AMENDMENT |       | HIGHEST NO.<br>PREVIOUSLY<br>PAID FOR |      | EXTRA PRESENT |   | RATE                | ADDIT.<br>FEE |
|--|----------------------------------|-------|---------------------------------------|------|---------------|---|---------------------|---------------|
| TOTAL  | 14                               | MINUS | 24                                    | * =  | 0             | X | (\$25 SE or \$50)   | \$0           |
| INDEP.   | 4                                | MINUS | 8                                     | ** = | 0             | X | (\$100 SE or \$200) | \$0           |
| FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM |                                  |       |                                       |      |               | X | (\$180 SE or \$360) | \$0           |
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\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract (an amended abstract) is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☒ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.